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Monica Morales, Air Program Director
EPA Region 8
1595 Wynkoop Street
Denver, Colorado 80202-1129

Re: PM_{2.5} Exceptional Event Documentation
Western Wildfire Smoke on September 5 - 7, 2017

Dear Ms. Morales,

This letter transmits the documentation necessary to flag data for removal from regulatory consideration for PM_{2.5} exceedances that occurred on September 5 - 7, 2017. The documentation report was prepared in accordance with EPA's regulation, "Treatment of Data Influenced by Exceptional Events."

Utah is a down-winder state that often receives mixed wildfire smoke plumes from Western and Northwestern states. Smoke from wildfires across the west was transported to Utah starting the morning hours on September 5 - 7, 2017, that resulted in exceedances of the PM_{2.5} 24-hour standard at the northern monitoring stations. DAQ held a 30-day comment period for the documentation report from November 15 through December 15, 2017. DAQ received no comments. DAQ expects concurrence from EPA in a timely fashion, since this event may adversely impact our ongoing PM_{2.5} SIP development progress.

If you have any questions on this filing or need any further information, please contact Joel Karmazyn at jkarmazyn@utah.gov or by phone at (801) 536-4423.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bryce C. Bird".

Bryce C. Bird
Director

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Attachment